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## PREVIOUSLY...

### THE HEROES ARE ON THE RISE!

After suffering heavy losses at the hands of the evil Dr. Eggman and his Death Egg Mark 2 battle station, Sonic and the Freedom Fighters are no more. In their place now stand two groups: Sonic leads **Team Fighters** abroad to hunt down Eggman and rescue the roboticized Sally Acorn (now known as Mecha Sally), and Rotor's **Team Freedom** is poised to defend the city of New Mobotropolis and the Acorn Kingdom!

Sonic and his team tracked Eggman's forces to Feral Forest, aided by the device Tails was able to install on the Death Egg! Eggman's plan? Launch Mecha Sally and Silver Sonic to assault the town and pit Sally against her own brother– the exiled former King Elias Acorn!

While our heroes duked it out to save the town, Elias prepared to do battle. But before he could enter the fray, two members of the mysterious Secret Freedom Fighters arrived to inform the former King that he was needed back in New Mobotropolis.

**With Sonic and Team Fighters distracted in Feral Forest, New Mobotropolis is once again under siege by the Death Egg, and Dr. Eggman can finally take his revenge...**

## Who's Who

ROTOR WALRUS
EX-COUNCIL MEMBER/LEADER OF TEAM FREEDOM

ELIAS ACORN
DEPOSED KING --CALL SIGN "KING"

DR. EGGMAN
EVIL GENIUS

???

# HEROES PART TWO: FOR THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE TO THE SECRET FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARC! (SONIC UNIVERSE #41-44)

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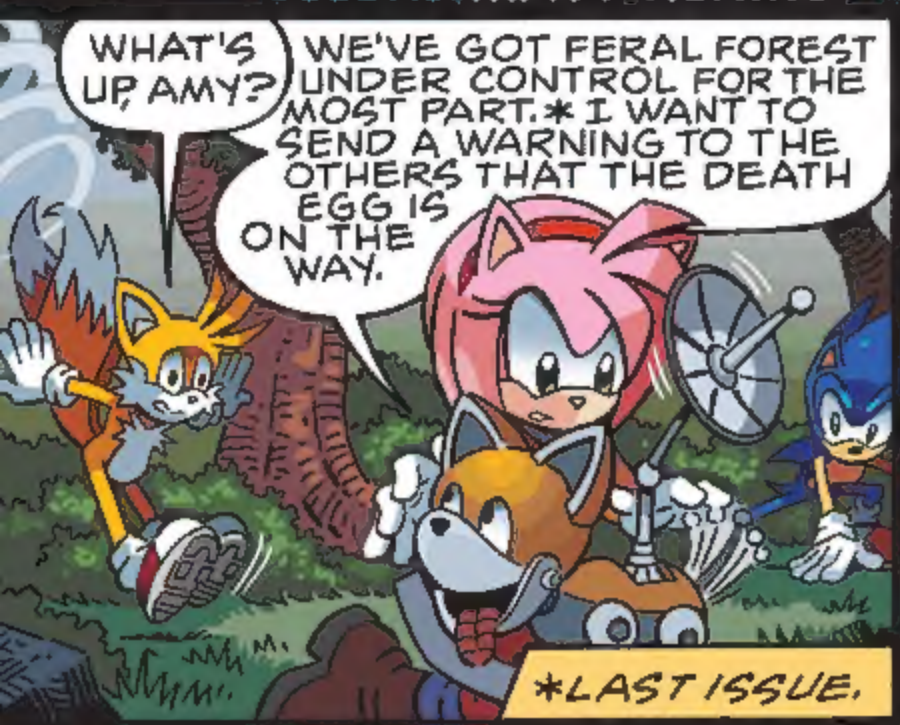


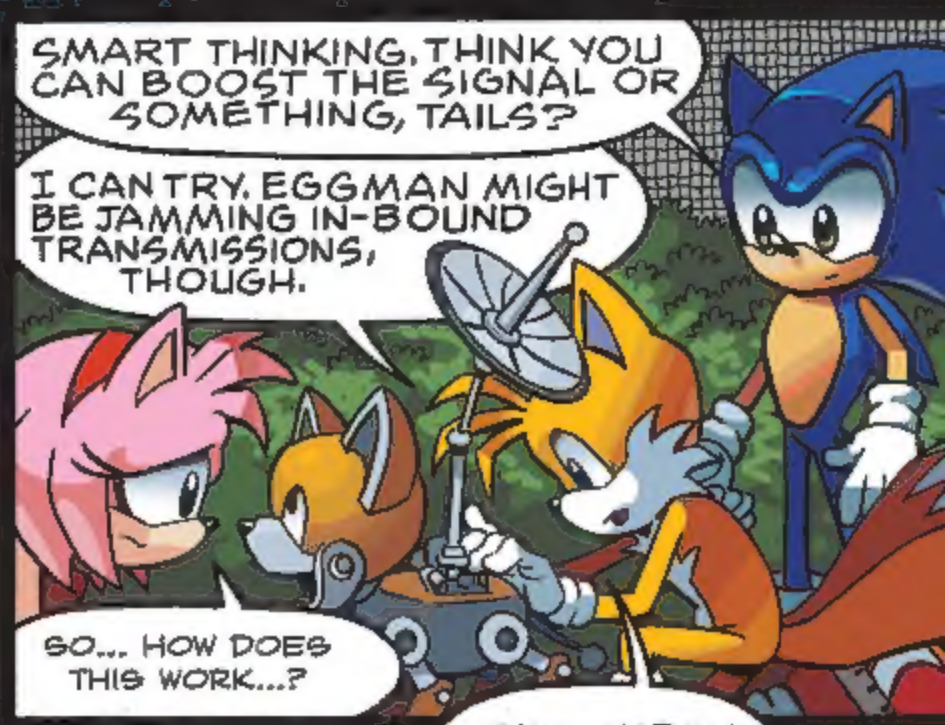


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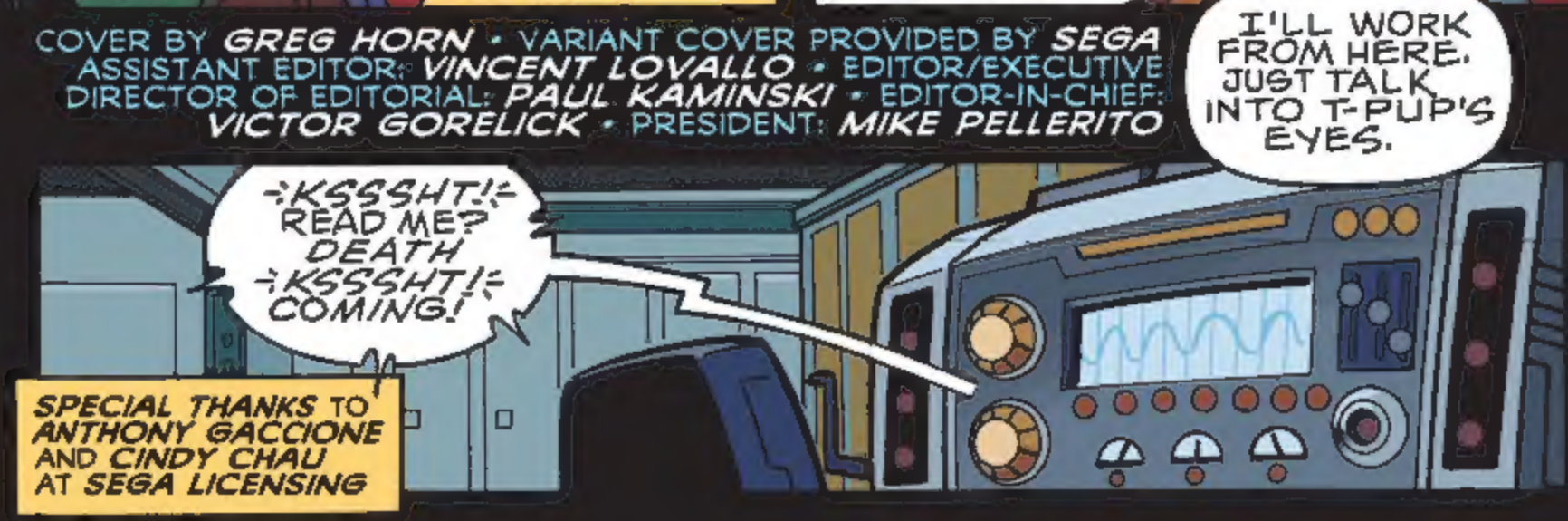


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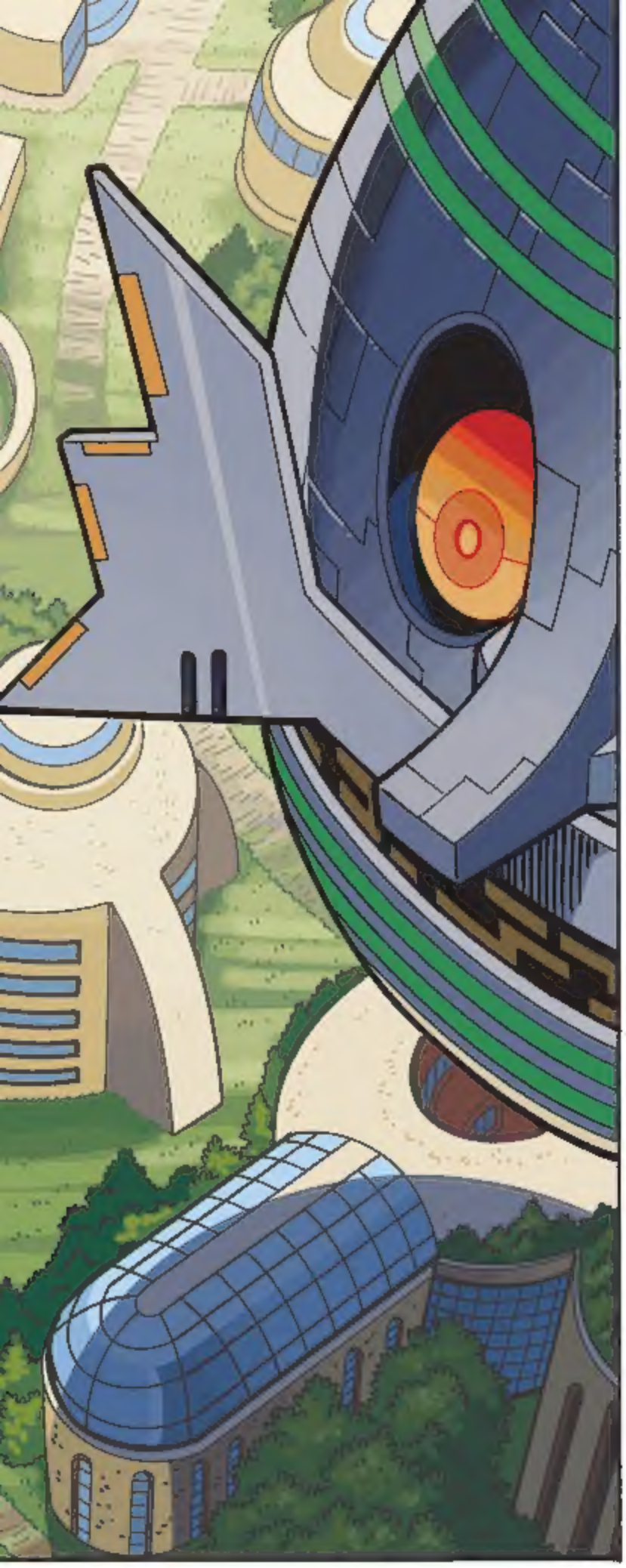
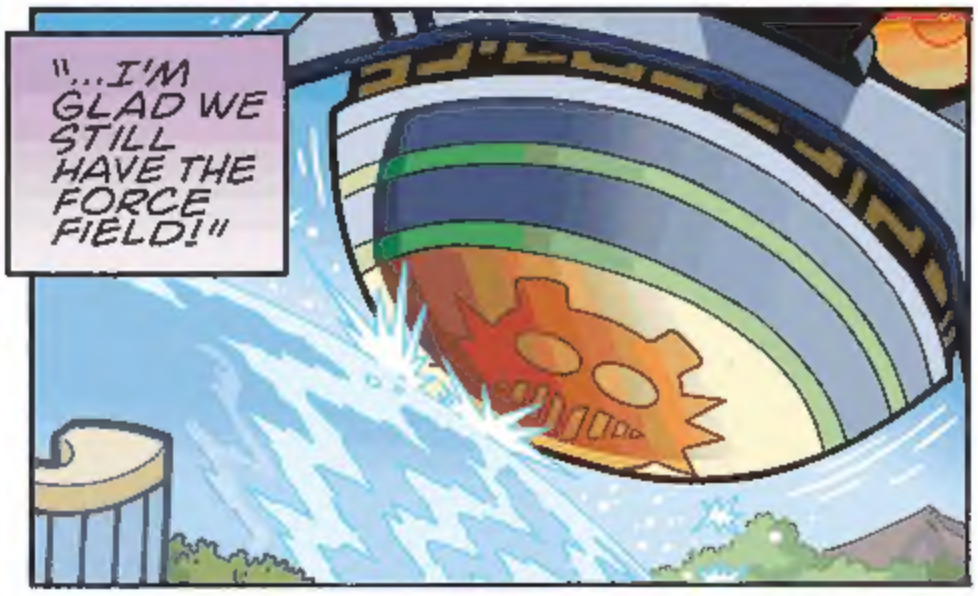
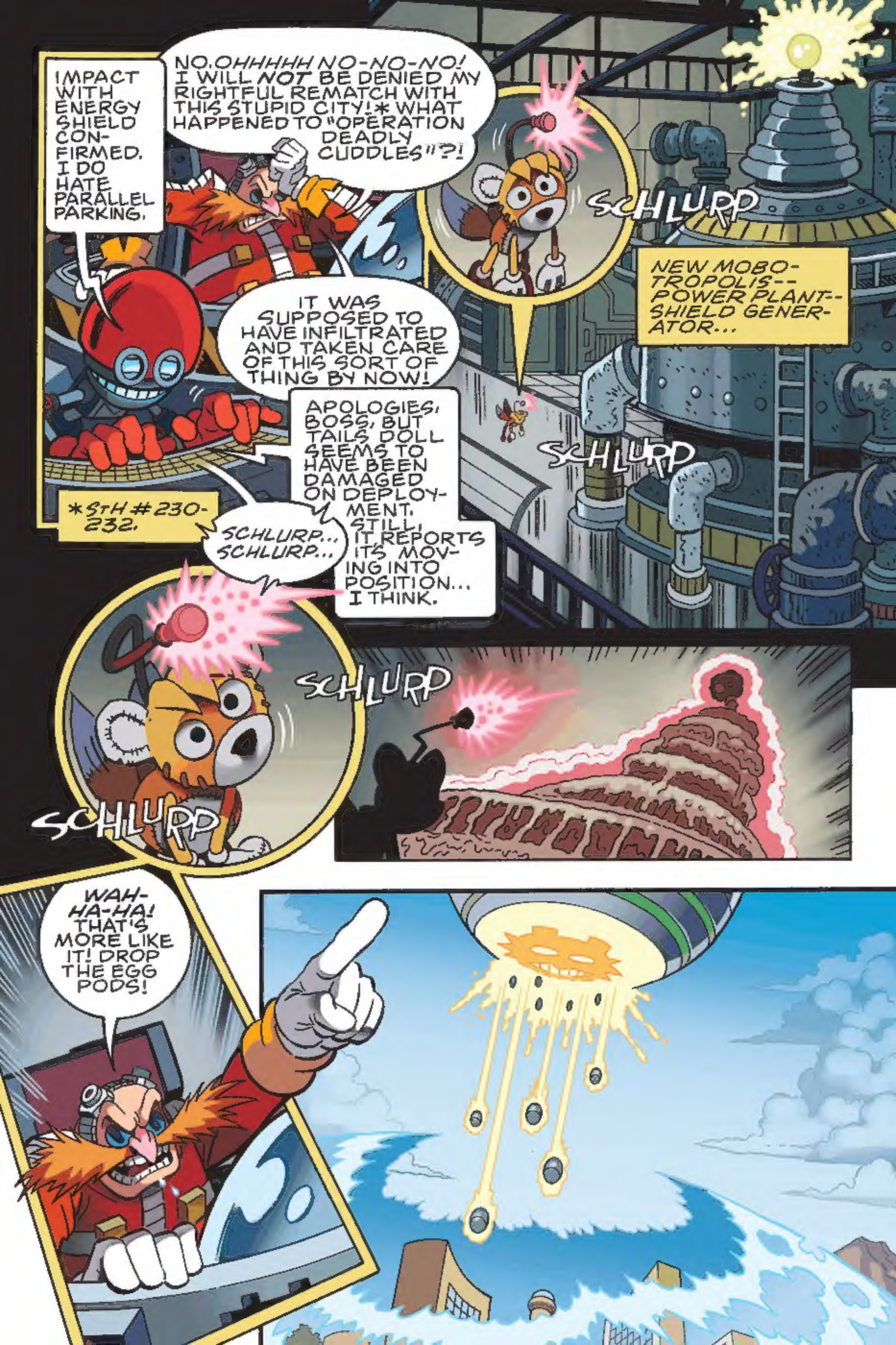


AHH...I LOVE IT WHEN A PLAN COMES TOGETHER! SONIC IS BUSY FIGHTING IN SOME BACKWATER VILLAGE, LEAVING HIS PRECIOUS HOME TOWN OPEN TO ATTACK. LET THE CAKE-WALK OF AN INVASION BEGIN!

ORDERS, SIR? THIS IS A "FAMILY REUNION" I WOULD PREFER TO AVOID.
STAND BY FOR NOW, HEAVY. IF NICOLE WERE STILL ONLINE, I WOULDN'T HAVE TO DO THIS MANUALLY. STILL...


"...I'M GLAD WE STILL HAVE THE FORCE FIELD!"

SCREEECHH!


IMPACT WITH ENERGY SHIELD CONFIRMED. I DO HATE PARALLEL PARKING.
NO. OHHHHH NO-NO-NO! I WILL NOT BE DENIED MY RIGHTFUL REMATCH WITH THIS STUPID CITY!* WHAT HAPPENED TO "OPERATION DEADLY CUDDLES"?!
IT WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE INFILTRATED AND TAKEN CARE OF THIS SORT OF THING BY NOW!
APOLOGIES, BOSS, BUT TAILS DOLL SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN DAMAGED ON DEPLOYMENT. STILL, IT REPORTS IT'S MOVING INTO POSITION... I THINK.
*STH #230-232.
SCHLURP... SCHLURP...
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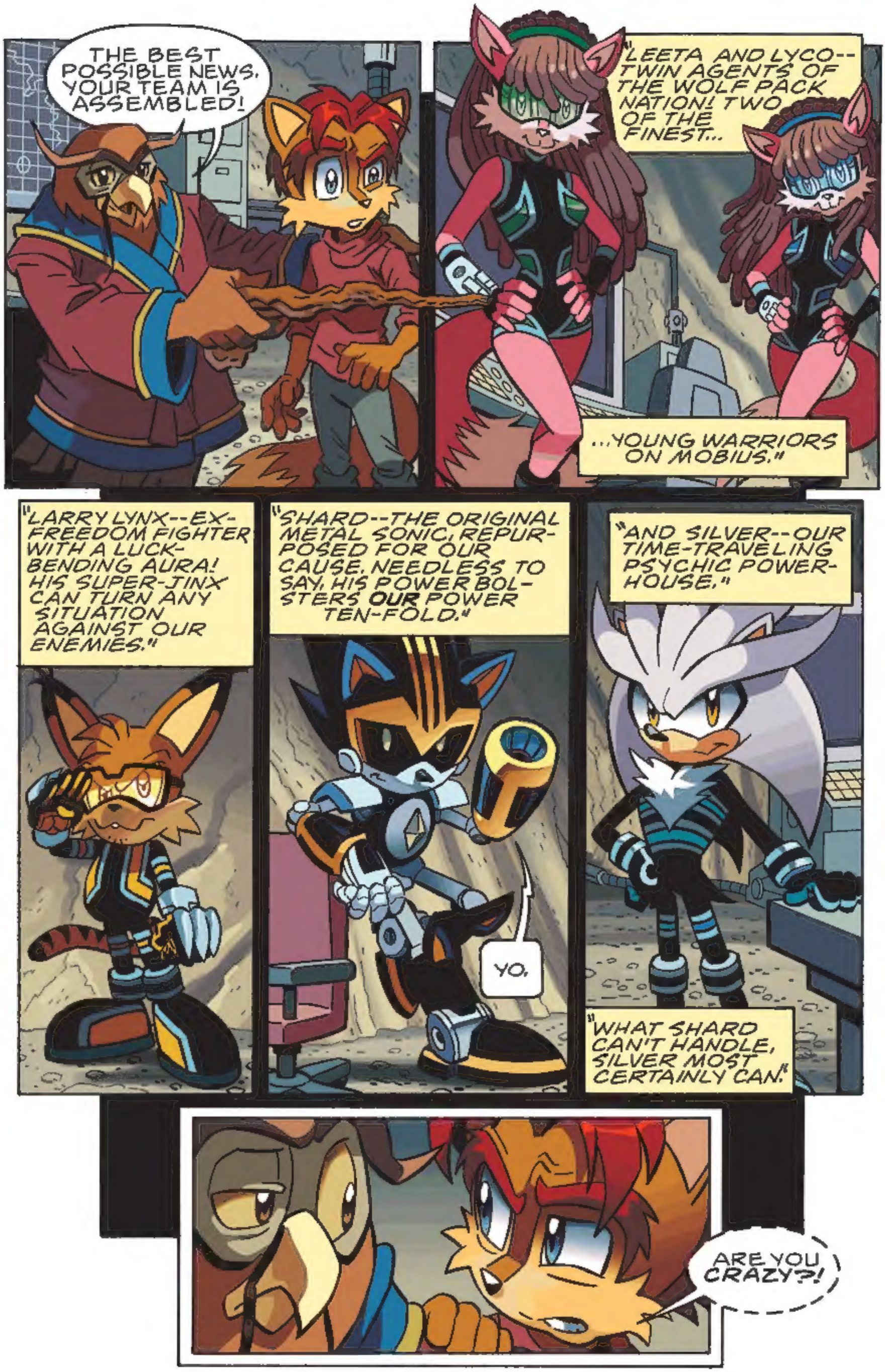
NEW MOBOTROPOLIS-- POWER PLANT-- SHIELD GENERATOR...
SCHLURP
SCHLURP
WAH-HA-HA! THAT'S MORE LIKE IT! DROP THE EGG PODS!

TEAM FREEDOM!
PUSH THEM OUT OF THE CITY!

MEANWHILE...
AND TO THINK WE WERE WORRIED ABOUT HOW TO SNEAK YOU INTO THE CITY.
THANK THE WALKERS FOR SMALL FAVORS. WHERE'S SECRET HQ?
WE'VE SET UP A NETWORK OF HIDDEN ENTRANCES THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

FOLLOW ME.

ESCORT COMPLETE, DIRECTOR WHO.
EXCELLENT WORK! GOOD TO SEE YOU MADE IT HERE IN ONE PIECE, SIRE!
I LEFT FERAL FOREST TO A BADNIK INVASION. TELL ME YOU'VE GOT GOOD NEWS, HARVEY.


THE BEST POSSIBLE NEWS. YOUR TEAM IS ASSEMBLED!
"LEETA AND LYCO--TWIN AGENTS OF THE WOLF PACK NATION! TWO OF THE FINEST...
...YOUNG WARRIORS ON MOBIUS."
"LARRY LYNX--EX-FREEDOM FIGHTER WITH A LUCK-BENDING AURA! HIS SUPER-JINX CAN TURN ANY SITUATION AGAINST OUR ENEMIES."
"SHARD--THE ORIGINAL METAL SONIC, REPURPOSED FOR OUR CAUSE. NEEDLESS TO SAY, HIS POWER BOLSTERS OUR POWER TEN-FOLD."
YO.
"AND SILVER--OUR TIME-TRAVELING PSYCHIC POWERHOUSE."
"WHAT SHARD CAN'T HANDLE, SILVER MOST CERTAINLY CAN."
ARE YOU CRAZY?!

LARRY ASIDE, *NONE* OF THESE AGENTS HAVE ANY VESTED INTEREST IN THE REPUBLIC. WHAT GIVES, HARVEY?
THIS DOESN'T BODE WELL.
LISTEN TO ME: SONIC AND HIS TEAM FIGHTERS ARE AWAY. ROTOR AND TEAM FREEDOM *CANNOT* FIGHT NAUGUS LEGALLY. THESE YOUNG HEROES CAME FROM ALL OVER TO STOP HIS EVIL *BEFORE* IT SPREADS.
THEY'RE WILLING TO LEAVE THEIR NORMAL LIVES AND FIGHT THE FIGHT THAT NOBODY ELSE CAN OR WILL.
THE ONLY QUESTION LEFT IS: *ARE YOU*?
ALL RIGHT, TEAM.
I'M LATE TO THE PARTY, AND THE CITY IS UNDER ATTACK. GIVE ME THE CRASH COURSE. WE'VE GOT EGG-*SWAT*s TO FIGHT!

MEANWHILE...

EEK!

ZAM! ZAM!

THAT'S NOT NICE!

CRUNCH

THANK YOU, MISTER BIG!

YOU'RE WELCOME.

CREAM, THIS IS GETTING TO BE TOO MUCH FOR YOU.

I'M SORRY FOR BEING SCARED! I STILL WANT TO HELP!

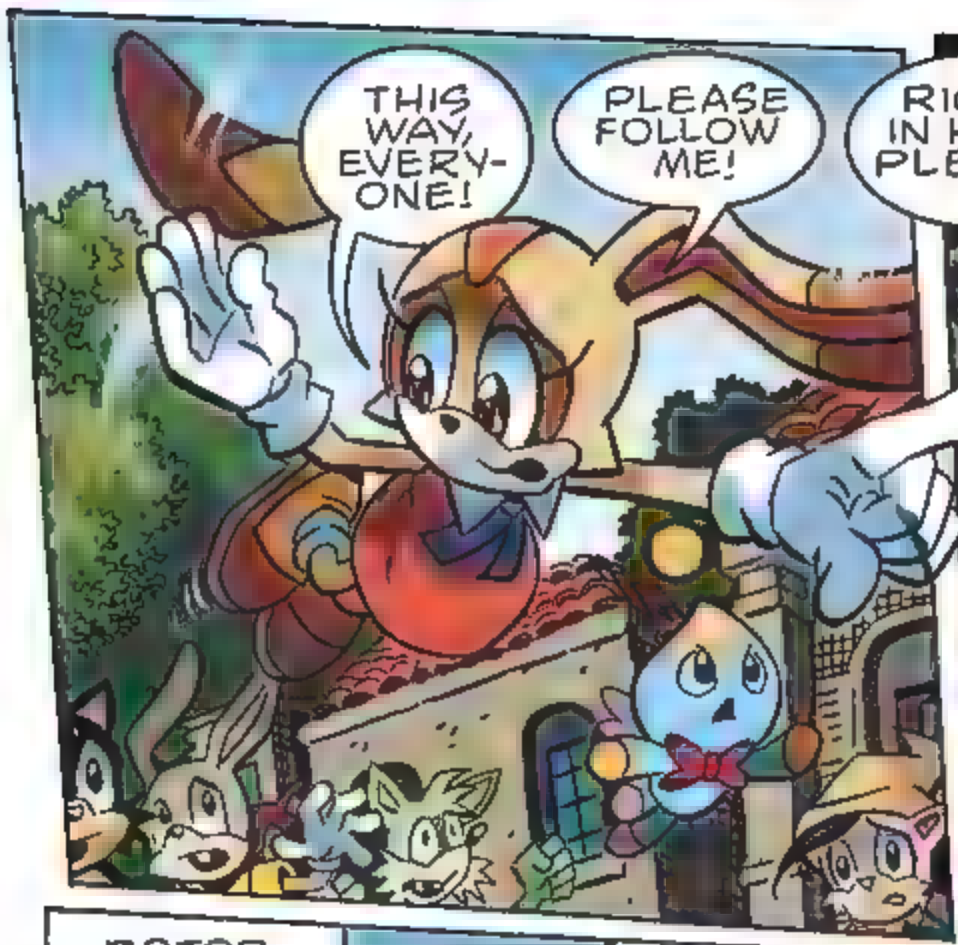
AND YOU CAN! I WANT YOU TO START GUIDING CITIZENS TO THE CENTER OF THE CITY WHERE THE MILITARY IS SETTING UP DEFENSES.

YES, SIR! RIGHT AWAY! COME ON, CHEESE!

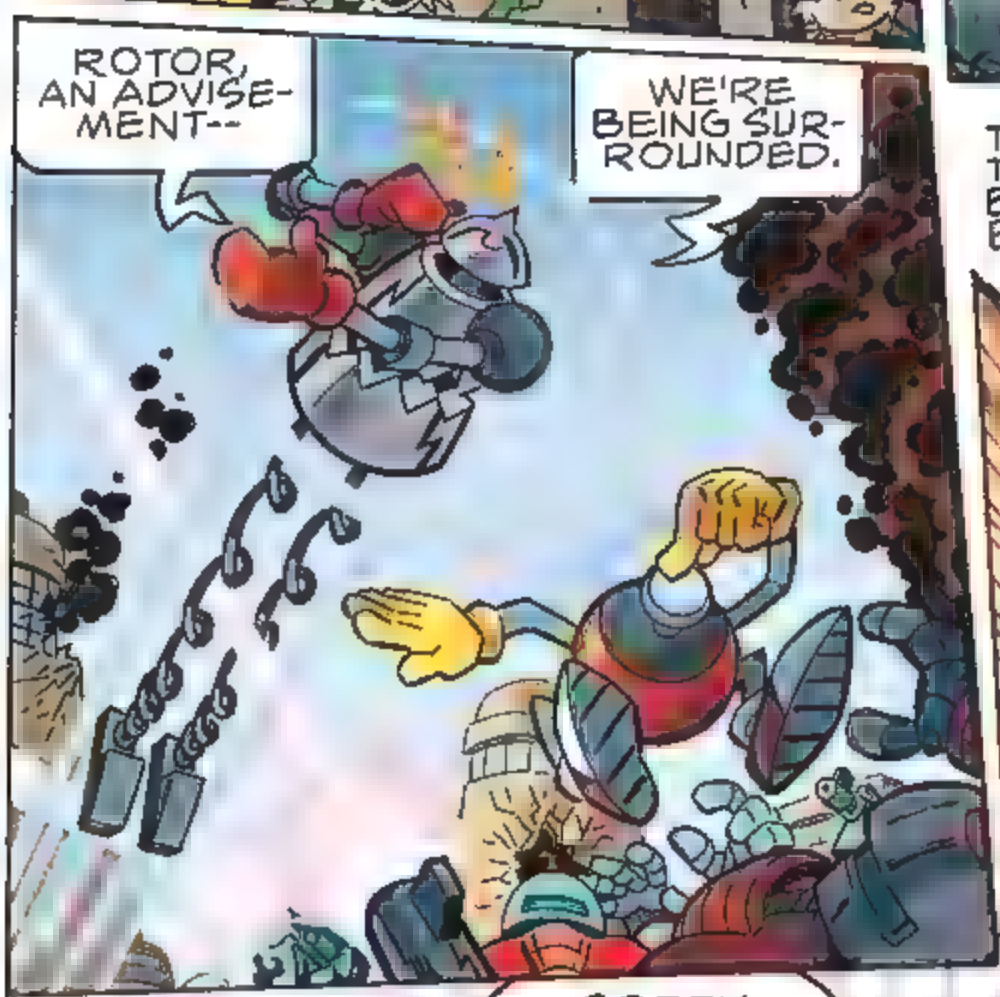
CAN I HELP YOU, SIRE?
QUITE THE OPPOSITE. I'M HERE TO SAVE YOU.
BEHOLD THE MAGICAL MIGHT OF YOUR WIZARD-KING! BOW BEFORE THE POWER OF IXIS NAUGUS!
HHHHH HHA-HA-HA-HA!
SUCH NEEDLESS GRAND-STANDING.
YOU WASTE YOUR POWER BRAGGART!
PEH, YOUR PETTY TAUNTS CANNOT DIS-TRACT ME FROM MY MOMENT OF VICTORY. ★
GRHK!
WH-AUGH! HOW ARE YOU DOING THIS?
US? WE ARE JUST SPIRITS TRAPPED IN YOUR MUTATING SHELL.
DID YOU THINK OUR RETURN WAS THE ONLY CHANGE YOU'D EXPERIENCE AFTER THE DOCTOR'S ATTACK* WHILE PLAYING WITH CHAOS ENERGY?
*STH #225/230.

NAUGUS!
YOU MADE YOUR POINT. YOU'RE GREAT AGAINST THE BADNIKS. IF YOU'RE WAITING FOR ME TO SAY IT, FINE--WE COULD USE YOUR HELP!
HNNNGH...
IT'S...IT'S...THE DOCTOR! HE MUST BE SENDING SOME KIND OF...WAVE... TO VEX ME!
I GUESS NOT SAVING YOU WOULD BE TREASON...!
FALL BACK TO ME, TEAM!
SAVED BY THE FAT WALRUS! DISGRACEFUL.
AND SUCH A PATHETIC LIE

BIG, GET NAUGUS TO THE MILITARY'S PERIMETER, THEN COME BACK HERE
OKAY.
SHOULD WE NOT FALL BACK AS WELL? OUR NUMBERS DWINDLE WHILE THE ENEMY'S DO NOT.
I WANT EGGMAN TO FIGHT FOR EVERY INCH HE GAINS IN MY CITY. BESIDES, YOU WERE WITH THE CHAOTIX. WHERE'S THAT TAKE-ALL-CHALLENGERS ATTITUDE?
MY APOLOGIES, BUT...
...AFTER FACING TOTAL DESTRUCTION TWICE, I FEAR THAT--AS THE EXPRESSION GOES--THE THIRD TIME...
...MAY BE THE CHARM.
NOT ON MY WATCH. I'VE GOT YOUR BACK!
ILLOGICALLY, THAT PLATITUDE IS REASSURING.
ONCE MORE INTO THE FRAY, THEN!


THIS WAY, EVERY-ONE!
PLEASE FOLLOW ME!

RIGHT IN HERE, PLEASE!


ROTOR, AN ADVISE-MENT--
WE'RE BEING SUR-ROUNDED.

THAT'S WHAT THEY THINK! BIG SHOULD BE BACK ANY MINUTE!

SORRY. THAT WAS A LONG WAY TO RUN. LONG WAY TO RUN BACK, TOO.

PROGRESS REPORT!

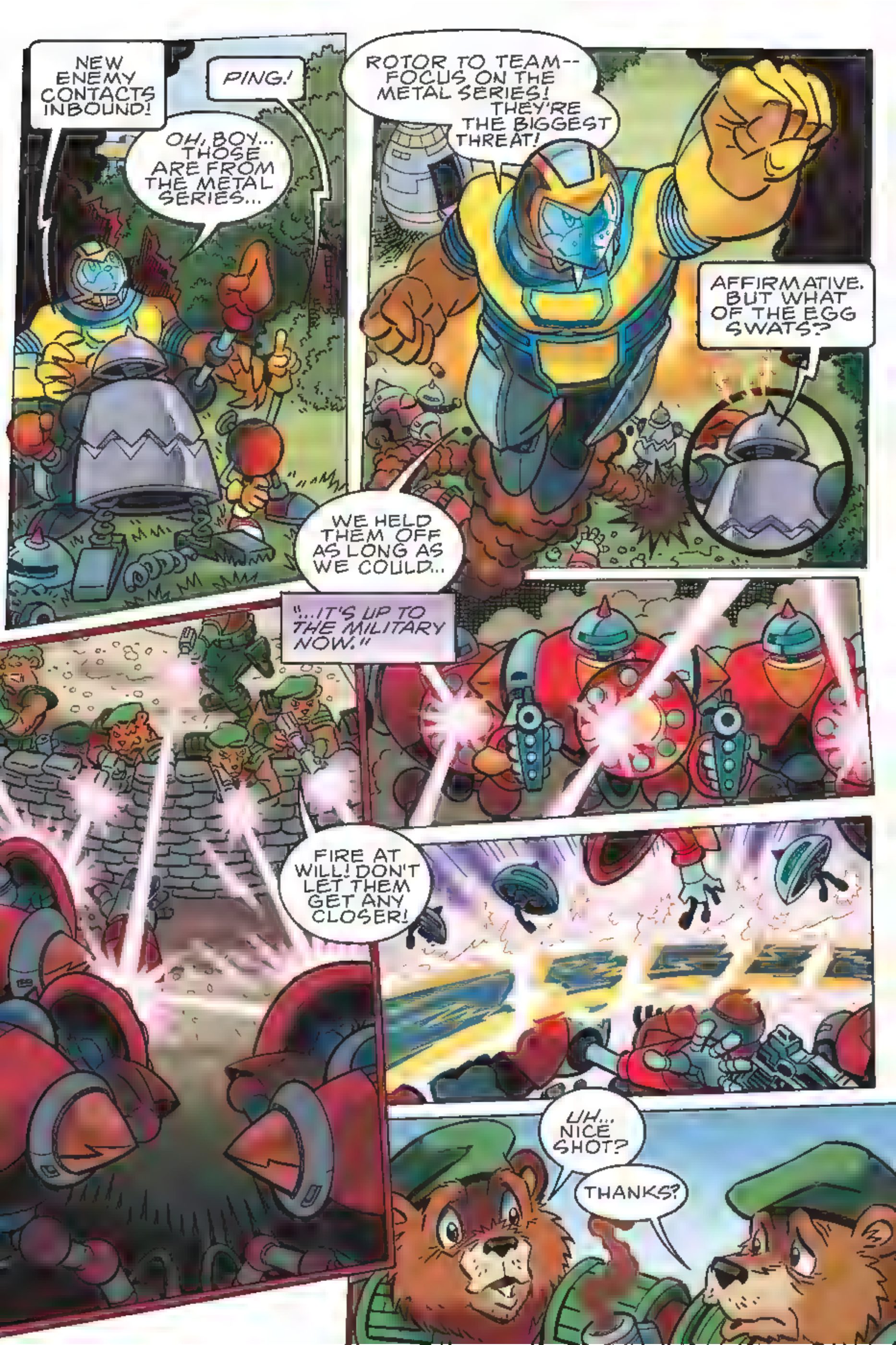
WELL, NONE, BOSS. TEAM FREEDOM IS KEEPING THE INVASION FORCE AT THE EDGE OF THE CITY.

THAT'S RIDICULOUS!

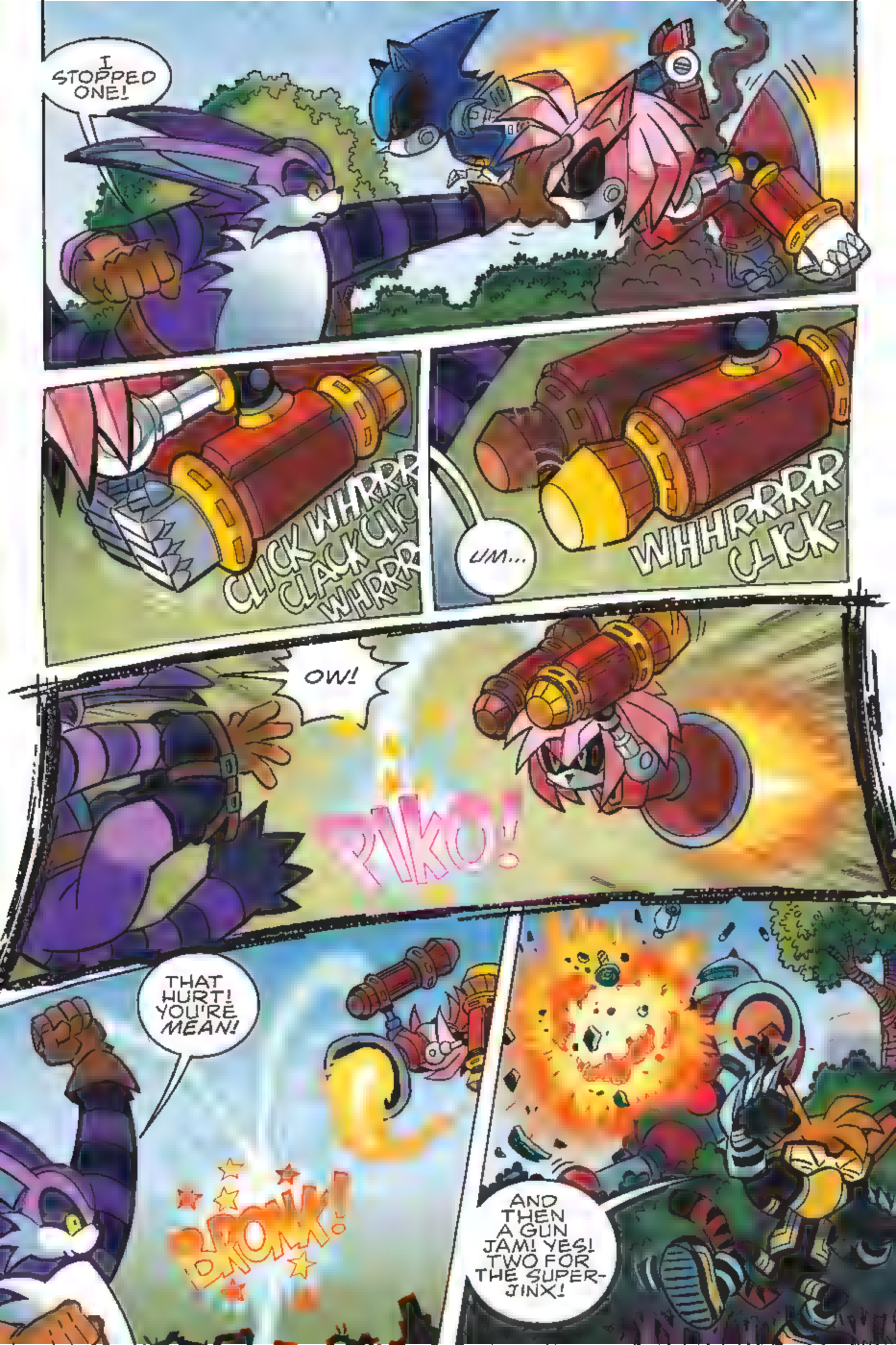
THIS AIN'T MUCH OF A CAKE-WALK, DOC. 'COURSE, MAYBE YOU MEANT LIKE ONE O' THEM HARD, INEDIBLE FRUIT CAKES? THIS'D BE MORE LIKE THAT, I RECKON.

I HAD HOPED TO SAVE THESE FOR A MORE APPROPRIATE OCCASION, BUT IF THEY WANT TO DO THIS THE HARD WAY--!

LAUNCHING TEAM METAL...


NEW ENEMY CONTACTS INBOUND!
PING!
OH, BOY... THOSE ARE FROM THE METAL SERIES...
ROTOR TO TEAM-- FOCUS ON THE METAL SERIES! THEY'RE THE BIGGEST THREAT!
AFFIRMATIVE. BUT WHAT OF THE EGG SWATS?
WE HELD THEM OFF AS LONG AS WE COULD...
"...IT'S UP TO THE MILITARY NOW."
FIRE AT WILL! DON'T LET THEM GET ANY CLOSER!
UH... NICE SHOT?
THANKS?

AUGH! TWO ARE HEADED YOUR WAY, TEAM!
I'VE GOT ONE UP HERE!
KRONG
C'MON... BLOW A FUSE, TRIP, RANDOM BATTERY FAILURE, SOME-THING...
WOO! MIS-FIRE!


I STOPPED ONE!
CLICK WHRRR CLACK CLICK WHRRR
UM...
WHHRRRRR CLICK-
OW!
PIKO!
THAT HURT! YOU'RE MEAN!
BONK!
AND THEN A GUN JAM! YES! TWO FOR THE SUPER-JINX!

PREPARE TO ENGAGE METAL SONIC. JUST LIKE OLD TIMES.

PING!

SHOOOOM!

SOMETHING INTERCEPTED OUR TARGET. MY SENSORS COULD NOT REGISTER IT FAST ENOUGH. WHAT *WAS* THAT?

PING-PING!

WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE WHILE WE'RE ON THE JOB.

HEY THERE, JUNIOR. LEMME SHOW YOU WHAT A *REAL* METAL SONIC CAN DO!

SKRAAA-BOOM!

YEAH, ACCEPT NO IMITATIONS.

SKRONCH!
THRA-BOOM!

TEAM METAL IS OFFLINE, BOSS.

ER...MECHA SALLY JUST REPORTED IN. SAYS THERE'S A TOTAL MISSION FAILURE. SHE'S COMIN' ON HOME NOW.

IMPOSSIBLE!

YOU CAN READ MY SCREEN IF YOU WANT--

SHUT UP!

I HAD *WON*. IF THE DEATH EGG HADN'T BEEN SO DAMAGED AND DRAINED,* I COULD'VE TAKEN THE CITY WITH THAT FIRST ATTACK!

I SHOULD HAVE *HAD* THIS! SONIC ISN'T EVEN HERE! *I SHOULD BE WINNING!*

*SEE THE SONIC GENESIS GRAPHIC NOVEL FOR THE FULL SCOOP! ON SALE NOW! PLUGPLUGPLUG

ALSO, GIVEN OUR EFFORTS TO REPAIR AND REFUEL AT THE SHAZAMAZON BASE WERE INTERRUPTED,** WE'LL HAVE *JUST* ENOUGH SUPPLIES TO MAKE IT TO THE NEXT BASE IN--

*ENOUGH!* I GET THE IDEA! SIGNAL THE RETREAT. CALL BACK WHAT EGG PODS WE CAN, AND GET US OUT OF HERE!

**STH # 237-238.

CONGRATULATIONS, TEAM FREEDOM. YOU'VE EARNED MY ATTENTION AND MY *HATE*. YOU'LL BE DEALT WITH...*GRRR* LATER. FOR NOW--

--I'VE GOT TO THROW TEAM FIGHTERS OFF MY TAIL...!

THE DEATH EGG AND EGG SWATs ARE LEAVING! WE WON! HOORAY!

WE DID IT! WAY TO GO, TEAM.

IT'S WEIRD, THOUGH, IT SEEMS LIKE SOMEONE ELSE WAS HELPING TO TAKE OUT THE GROUND FORCES. BUT WHO...?

DON'T WORRY. BE HAPPY!

...YEAH, GUESS THAT WORKS, TOO.

SECRET HQ.

IT LOOKS LIKE I OWE YOU AN APOLOGY, HARVEY...

...AND TO THE REST OF YOU, I WAS WRONG. YOU HAVE THE MAKINGS OF A GREAT TEAM, AND I'M PROUD TO BE AMONG YOU.

"NEXT--WE'LL DEAL WITH IXIS NAUGUS!"

HISSSS...MY THOUGHTS BETRAY ME ...MY BODY BETRAYS ME...THE COUNCIL DEFIES ME...SOMETHING DRASTIC MUST BE DONE...AND SOON!

SEE WHAT IXIS NAUGUS HAS PLANNED IN SU#41-42!
SONIC RETURNS TO HUNT DOWN DR.EGGMAN NEXT TIME!
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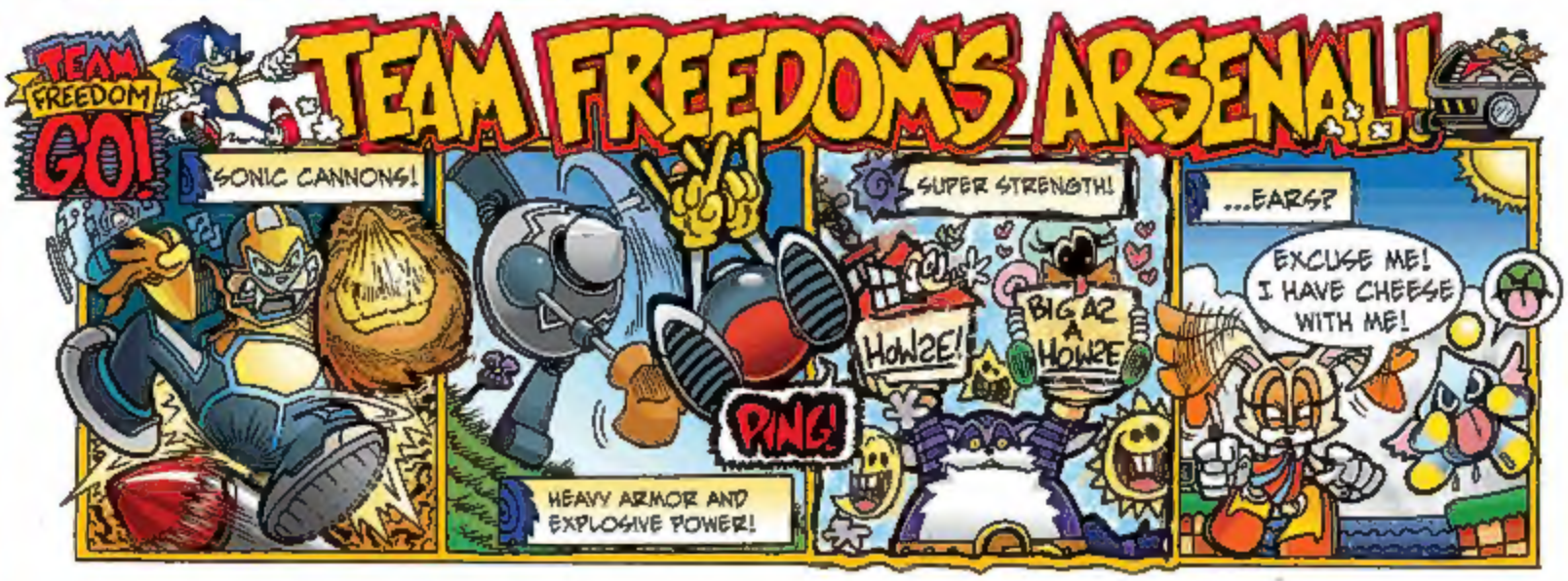


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**Dear Sonic-Grams,**
First of all I want to say hi to all of you. I am a fan from Venezuela in Latin America and I love the series. I follow it the best I can in the different wikis and blogs. Sadly, here in my country, it is hard to obtain an issue from you. I only have issue 237 and I love it.

Yardley's drawing style has inspired me to improve my art. I am a novice artist and if you could say something to Yardley, tell him "Thank you". I'd love to see the next issues and the next Sonic Grams, haha! I love to read the letters all the kids send to you. So, I encourage you to keep on creating, this is one of the most awesome comics I have ever read, Flynn is a very good writer. He too inspires me to write!

I have one question for you: From what I understand, Sally has been roboticized to stop worldwide roboticization. So, wouldn't it be awesome if right inside her mind she's having a fight to domain Eggman's will? That would be a bomb in the plot!

Thank you for listening (or reading xD) You are the best!

**So, well, until next time dudes!**
**Your great fan,**
**Daniel T.**
**Caracas, Venezuela.**

***Thanks for writing in, Daniel! We love to hear from fans from all across the globe, and ESPECIALLY from awesome fans like you! Sally's inner turmoil due to her roboticization is sorta hinted at here and there, but we haven't yet gotten a clear picture of what kind of struggle the poor princess is actually experiencing -- if at all! I promise you there WILL be a resolution for Sally!***

***See y'all next month!***

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**A KING IN PERIL!**
IXIS NAUGUS MAKES A DESPERATE MOVE YOU WON'T BELIEVE, AND AN OLD FOE RETURNS TO BATTLE TEAM FIGHTERS IN...
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